



City Administrator's Monthly Report

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Dear Reader,

Each month, this report from the City Administrator's Office provides a brief summary and update of major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the Santa Barbara community. Feel free to send me your comments and suggestions.

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Key Meetings

December 5, 12, & 19:

City Council Meetings. 2 p.m. Council Chambers, City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street.

December 5:

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Community Meeting. 5 to 7 p.m. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), 255 Industrial Way. Call Autumn McKee at 897- 1910 for more information.

December 6:

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Community Meeting. 5 to 7 p.m. Santa Barbara County Employee's University, 267 Camino del Remedio. Call Autumn McKee at 897-1910 for more information.

Community Events

- December 1: **54th Annual Downtown Holiday Parade.** 6:30 p.m. Begins at State and Sola Streets and ends at Cota Street. For more information, go to www.santabarbaradowntown.com.
- December 2: **Community Planting Day.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. View the restoration site and help plant native plants and trees. Meet at the end of the Arroyo Beach overflow parking lot, 2981 Cliff Drive. Call 897-2606 for more information.
- December 8: **23rd Annual Milpas Street Parade.** 6 p.m. Begins at Cota and Milpas Streets and ends at Mason Street. For more information, call the Santa Barbara Boys & Girls Club at 962-2382.
- December 10: **21st Annual Parade of Lights.** Santa's Village from 3 to 5 p.m. on the city pier at the Harbor. Parade from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fireworks after boat parade.
- December 15: **Deadline for Toys for Tots donations.** Santa's helpers pick up Toys for Tots boxes in City Hall.
- December 25: **Christmas Holiday.** City Offices Closed
- January 1: **New Year's Holiday.** City Offices Closed.
- Now through January 5: **Heroes Among Us Exhibit.** Santa Barbara Portraits from the Pierre Clayssens Veterans Museum & Library. Local World War II veterans are celebrated through portraits. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free to the public. City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street.

Flags on State Street: www.santabarbaradowntown.com

December 4 – 29: Downtown Holiday Flags & Décor.

City Administrator

Sustainable Santa Barbara Program Conducts Employee Training. As part of the new Sustainable Santa Barbara Program, a staff committee designed and presented a new employee training session on How to Be Green at Home and Work. The multi-media training provides tips and best practices to reduce energy consumption, conserve water, prevent waste and recycle, and use alternative modes of transportation. The City's role in preventing global climate change is also discussed. The mission of the Sustainable Santa Barbara Program is for employees to protect and enhance the environment in all City services and operations. Seven, four-hour classes have been held for employees in October and November and over 400 employees have attended. This training is helping the City organization take action in all operations to become more sustainable.

Energy-Saving Holiday LED Lights on City Hall Tree. City Hall is taking sustainable steps by using light-emitting diode lights (LED) on the "Tree of Hope" in City Hall, sponsored by the City of Santa Barbara and the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. LED holiday lights are about 90% more efficient than traditional incandescent lights. In addition to energy savings, these lights are durable and safe. They are made of hard plastic instead of glass and produce almost no heat. The lights last up to 100,000 hours. A tree-lighting ceremony will be held on December 19th, from Noon to 2 p.m. on the first floor of City Hall.

For those people who are interested in replacing their holiday lights, they can bring in old holiday lights to one of the South Coast Energy Efficiency Partnership locations in Santa Barbara, Carpinteria and Goleta for a FREE set of energy-efficient, LED holidays. For more information, visit <http://www.southcoastenergywise.org/site/events>.

Through the Sustainable Santa Barbara program, this is another example of how the City is committed to leading by example.

Toys for Tots. Last year the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program collected approximately 9,969 new and unwrapped toys. Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of people every year, children in the Santa Barbara area are able to celebrate a special holiday. City employees are encouraged to support families in Santa Barbara by placing a new toy in the Toys for Tots box. Due to the loss of some toys the past two years, the City has placed the Toys for Tots box on the main level of City Hall in the City Clerk's Office rather than in the lobby area. There is a second box on the lower level as well. Santa's helpers will be picking up the toys on Friday, December 15th to distribute to children in Santa Barbara County through Unity Shoppe. Please remember, do not wrap the toys.

Watch Inside Santa Barbara on Channel 18. Inside Santa Barbara is an award-winning newsmagazine show that is produced by City TV. The December episode of Inside Santa Barbara focuses on federal channel dredging, the "Heroes Among Us" exhibit, how the community is giving to those in need this holiday season, an update on the Oak Park Bridge, the availability of live homework help online, and local showings of the Nutcracker. The December episode premieres on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. Go to www.citytv18.com for the rebroadcast schedule or to watch Inside Santa Barbara online.

Garden Maintenance in the Sustainability Zone. In Episode 5 of the ***Garden Wise Guys***, hosts Billy Goodnick and Owen Dell will show you everything you need to know about garden maintenance. A new page is turned in the history of the Wise Guys as they explore the outer limits of "the Sustainability Zone." A regular checkup on their sprinkler timer sends them back to the

1950s, years before the era of sustainable landscaping. They teach an uninformed gardener (and viewers) how to properly prune plants, how to deal with common pests, and how to water wisely. Whether it's a whitefly infestation, an overgrown shrub, or a broken sprinkler head – the Wise Guys have the maintenance solution. Will the wise guys ever find their way back to the present? You'll have to watch to find out! **Garden Wise Guys** is a thirty-minute television show about designing & maintaining a sustainable landscape. The quarterly show is produced by City TV and funded by the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, the City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department, and the Goleta Water District. It is hosted by two local landscape architects: Owen Dell, of County Landscape & Design, and Billy Goodnick, City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation Department. With a unique sense of humor, the **Garden Wise Guys** will give viewers the basic information they need to start making changes in their own yard. Garden Wise Guys airs on Sundays at 9:00 p.m. on CITY-TV, Channel 18. Visit www.citytv18.com or www.sbwater.org for more information and a complete broadcast schedule.

Administrative Services

Conflict of Interest Code Update. The Political Reform Act requires most state and local government officials and employees to publicly disclose their personal assets and income. They must also disqualify themselves from participating in decisions which may affect their personal financial interests. The City Clerk's Office is currently in the process of updating the City's Conflict of Interest Code. State law requires that the City update the Code on a biennial basis in even years. The Code update is a citywide effort in which each department reviews their designated list of positions whose duties include making, or participating in making, governmental decisions, and disclosure categories specifying financial interests that filers in designated positions must disclose. The Code requires filers to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the City Clerk's Office annually, no later than April 1st of each year. Code filers are also required to file an assuming office and initial statement within 30 days of assuming office and a leaving office statement within 30 days after leaving the office or position. It is anticipated that the Code update will go before the City Council for approval at the City Council Meeting of December 12, 2006. Additional information related to the Conflict of Interest Code can be found on the City's website at <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Ordinances/Conflict/> and at the Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

City Job Openings. Have you ever considered working for the City? Fantastic people, interesting work, great pay and wonderful benefits! Please click on the following link to view the city's current job openings for both regular and hourly openings: <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Employment/Openings>

Airport

Airport Building Demolition. Two Airport buildings, the former Marine Corps Air Station Storehouse at 40 Gerald Cass Place and the Cinema Theatre at 6060 Hollister Avenue will be demolished this week to make way for future Airport projects. The 6,249 sq. ft. storehouse is being

removed so that 24-T-hangars can be constructed to provide much needed aircraft storage for the general aviation community. The estimated cost of needed repairs to the 11,250 sq. ft. Cinema Theatre prohibited its continued use as a movie theatre. The property is zoned for commercial recreation use. Miller Environmental of Anaheim is demolishing both buildings at an estimated cost of \$191,800.

Creek Relocation Project. Portions of Carneros and Tecolotito Creeks located in the airfield were recently relocated to allow for next year's main runway and safety overrun area construction. Over 100,000 cubic yards of material were used to fill the existing creeks and correspondingly approximately 100,000 cubic yards of material were excavated to construct the new creek sections. More than 14,000 native plants were installed as mitigation in the affected areas. There were six coffer dams and associated pump bypass systems installed to control downstream creek and tidal flows during the project. Carneros Creek was extended 1,700 feet and Tecolotito Creek was extended 3,200 feet. About 1,500 federally endangered tidewater gobies were discovered in the creeks and relocated downstream of the work area. The 2-inch long tidewater goby has not been found in the creeks on the Airport in recent history. The Airport Department worked with U.S. Fish & Wildlife to obtain the required approvals to relocate the fish.

October Passenger Count Dips. Due to nighttime closure of the airfield for construction, there was a 3.2% decrease in passenger usage at SBA over the same month in 2005. Over 69,000 passengers arrived and departed in October, bringing the year-to-date passenger volume to 1% over last year. The most heavily traveled non-stop routes were Seattle (Horizon Air) and Denver (United Express).

Community Development Department

Tenant Displacement Assistance Ordinance (TDAO). On November 21, 2006, the City Council adopted a new Tenant Displacement Assistance Ordinance (TDAO). This ordinance will become effective on December 21, 2006 and will apply to all projects within the City of Santa Barbara. This includes applications to design review boards, Planning Commission, Staff Hearing Officer, building permits and demolition permits.

Any land use permit resulting in the elimination of a unit would trigger the application of the TDAO to existing tenants or tenants who may have occupied the units six months prior to the filing of the application (unless the lease had expired). Under this ordinance, eligible tenants may be entitled to monetary assistance to help with their relocation.

For more information or to view a copy of the new ordinance and the Council Agenda Report, go to www.santabarbaraCA.gov, under "Quick Links," click on "Major Planning Efforts," then click on "Tenant Displacement Assistance Ordinance."

Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will meet on December 7th, 14th, and 21st. More significant items up for discussion include:

On December 7th, the Commission will hold a concept review of a proposal at 230 Lighthouse Road to change the zone to from E-3, single-family, R-2, duplex and construct 22 three-bedroom condos, including six affordable units.

On December 14th, the Commission is *tentatively* scheduled to hold a workshop on construction-related conditions.

On December 21st, the Commission is scheduled to consider approval a Zoo Master Plan, including construction of a Discovery Pavilion, replacing The Wave concession facility, a new California Condor Exhibit and other upgrades.

Finance Department

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). We saw a strong growth in TOT in October, with revenues up 9.1% from the prior year. Our fiscal year-to-date growth is 7%, which is ahead of our budgeted growth of 5%.

City of Santa Barbara								
TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES								
Month	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year	FY 2007	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,198,952	1.3%	\$ 1,301,652	8.6%	\$ 1,477,789	13.5%	\$ 1,571,320	6.3%
Aug	1,349,990	1.6%	1,357,717	0.6%	1,504,589	10.8%	1,591,998	5.8%
Sept	887,095	4.5%	931,244	5.0%	1,109,428	19.1%	1,196,234	7.8%
Oct	863,919	4.1%	914,718	5.9%	963,261	5.3%	1,051,043	9.1%
Nov	696,742	1.7%	721,982	3.6%	809,684	12.1%		
Dec	553,094	4.4%	575,075	4.0%	671,965	16.8%		
Jan	584,653	0.2%	606,484	3.7%	661,507	9.1%		
Feb	703,493	14.1%	699,349	-0.6%	738,532	5.6%		
Mar	782,652	11.0%	872,554	11.5%	855,597	-1.9%		
April	875,760	10.4%	941,281	7.5%	1,000,696	6.3%		
May	895,378	9.6%	1,001,450	11.8%	1,015,349	1.4%		
June	973,955	3.3%	1,157,985	18.9%	1,223,974	5.7%		YTD
FY Total	\$ 10,365,683	5.1%	\$ 11,081,490	6.9%	\$ 12,032,372	8.6%	\$ 5,410,595	7.0%
Budget	\$ 10,273,900		\$ 10,684,900		\$ 11,504,200		\$ 12,630,600	
Includes only the 10% unrestricted TOT revenues. Beginning in January 2001, an additional 2% is credited to Creeks/Clean Water (Measure B).								

Fire Department

Firefighter of the Year Awards. During a recent luncheon ceremony, the Santa Barbara Host Lions Club honored four members of the City Fire Department for their exemplary efforts this past year. Firefighter of the Year plaques were presented to the following employees:

Wildland Specialist Ann Marx was recognized for her years of work on the Wildland Fire Plan and the successful passing of the Wildland Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment District;

Fire Engineer Heidi Rockenbach was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the Engineer Academy, the firefighter recruit testing process, and her excellent performance as one of our driver training instructors;

Fire Engineer Jack Franklin was recognized for his tireless efforts in remodeling Stations 3 and 5, construction of training props and storage facilities at the training tower;

Firefighter George Martinez was recognized for his work as a recruit academy instructor, CERT Instructor, and for his significant involvement in the Station 5 remodel and landscaping project;

The Lion's Club thanked these talented and dedicated members of the fire department and proved to be very gracious hosts once again for this annual awards ceremony.

Wildland Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment District. With the recent hiring a new position funded by the Benefit Assessment District, the long anticipated hazard reduction project in the City's high hazard Foothill Zone is underway. Phil Faulding, the new Fire Services Specialist is now overseeing the vegetation management contractors who will be performing road clearance work throughout many streets in the high fire hazard area. Over the next several months, fourteen miles of roadways will be improved through the reduction of overgrown brush and overhanging tree limbs. Other tasks that the Fire Services Specialist will be working on include performing "defensible space" inspections on private property, to let homeowners know how to protect their homes from wildfires; working with the firefighters at Stations 4 and 7 regarding public education and outreach efforts and also assisting with evacuation planning and field exercises.

Library Department

Library Offers Adult Education class. The Santa Barbara Public Library System will partner with Santa Barbara City College's Continuing Education Division to offer "A Child's Imagination: Books to Grow With!" This six-week class, designed for parents, caregivers, preschool teachers, grandparents, and children ages 3-5, will introduce twelve great kids' books and related activities that families can enjoy. Check the winter catalog for enrollment information! This program is supported by Early Learning with Families, an initiative of the California State Library System and is a joint project of the Youth Services and Adult Literacy programs at the library.

Parks and Recreation Department

Joint Meeting to Discuss Waterfront Projects Scheduled. The Park and Recreation Commission, the Harbor Commission and City Council will hold a joint meeting on Monday, December 11 at 4 p.m. at Chase Palm Park Center to hear a presentation from the Waterfront and Parks and Recreation Departments on programs, services and projects within the City's waterfront area.

Winter Break Camps Offer Options for Working Parents. Two affordable and convenient half and full day camps for youth are available during the winter break weeks of December 18-22 and January 2 – 5. The Great Escape Camp for grades 1-6 meets Monday through Friday from

7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Monroe School, located at 432 Flora Vista Drive. This camp offers a wide variety of sports, arts and crafts, local field trips, and excursions to the Ventura Aquatics Center and the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. The Winter Skate Clinic for 7-13 year olds is a half day clinic held at Skaters Point from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Groups are organized by age and skill level and learn lots of great skating techniques from Director Steve Fancher. For a complete description of the camps and to register, go to www.sbparksandrecreation.com or call 564-5418.

New Oak Park Bridge Installed. The Parks and Recreation Department replaced the 1920s-vintage pedestrian bridge at Oak Park with a new 60 x 8 foot wide handicapped-accessible bridge. The new bridge will not only benefit pedestrian flow during busy festivals, but will improve the flow of water through Mission Creek by setting the new abutments farther into the banks. The bridge was fabricated by Continental Bridge Company and was installed on Wednesday, November 15th. The bridge was lifted by crane in one piece onto the new stone-clad abutments.

Tattoos on the Heart an Impressive Success. There was standing room only when Father Greg Boyle took the stage at the Casa de la Raza on November 15th for his presentation called "Tattoos on the Heart." This event was a partnership with the City's Teen Programs, Fighting Back, the Casa de la Raza, and 103.3 FM ("The Vibe") radio station. Boyle, a Jesuit priest, started *Jobs For a Future*, an employment referral service, in 1992 as a response to the civil unrest in Los Angeles. He then added *Homeboy Industries*, an economic development program that develops businesses to provide training, work experience and the opportunity for rival gang members to work side by side. Over 450 people--youth, parents, police, probation, families and teachers--paid close attention to the funny and often touching stories that Father Boyle shared.

Westside Summer Urban Runoff Facility (SURF) Ribbon Cutting – December 13, 2006. Construction of the Westside Summer Urban Runoff Facility (SURF) is complete and a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday December 13 at 10:00 a.m. Located within Bohnett Park in the Westside neighborhood, the project will remove pathogens in dry weather urban runoff from a 632-acre watershed prior to discharge into Old Mission Creek. Funded to a large extent by a \$900,000 Proposition 40 grant from the State Water Resources Control Board, the facility will play a key role in improving creek and ocean water quality at East Beach. The ribbon cutting event will include a tour of the facility.

Police Department

Toy Drive in Progress. The Santa Barbara Police Department is soliciting toy donations for two annual toy drives benefiting local children. One drive is sponsored by the Police Officer's Association and benefits local families in need. The second is called "Stuff the Bus" Toy Drive, supported by the Police Activities League, in cooperation with MTD bus line. Police work brings officers in contact with many needy people, especially children. Based on their experiences, officers are able to recommend families that might otherwise have none of the Christmas gift-giving experiences that most of us take for granted. The final date to contribute a new, wrapped toy is December 19th, so please hurry!

Halloween Gang Violence. On October 31st at 9:30 p.m., officers interrupted about 20 gang members and associates engaged in a free-for-all fight at 1st block of W. Canon Perdido Streets. The combatants scattered upon police arrival, but not before eleven of them were collared at the scene. Several knives and clubs were recovered. Two participants were hospitalized for injuries including stab wounds and a broken arm. The suspects were all male and included one 19-year-

old and ten juveniles aged 14-17 years. The motive appears to be the continuing rivalry between east-side and west-side gang members.

Stolen Vehicle, Stolen Property. On November 14th, officers arrested a 22-year-old man found sitting in a stolen vehicle. He provided a false name and professed ignorance about the vehicle being stolen. His explanation for being in the car was that a “friend-of-a-friend-of-a-friend” allowed him to sleep there because he is homeless. Spread all around him were stolen credit cards, electronics, jewelry, brand new clothing, cell phones, and meth pipes. He professed ignorance about this property too. Hours of investigative work later, the suspect's identity was determined. He so happened to have an arrest warrant for a drug violation. He admitted ownership of the drug paraphernalia. An officer confronted the suspect with information that he has been spotted driving around in the stolen car for the past week. The evidence included video surveillance from a fast-food restaurant drive through. Unable to lie his way out of trouble, the suspect confessed to stealing the vehicle and to committing four local burglaries. He used the credit cards to rack up sales of merchandise to be later refunded for cash. He was arrested for auto theft, forgery, burglary, possession of stolen property, and drug violations. At least he now has a place to sleep!

Public Works Department

Sheffield Water Quality Project Receives EPA Award. It was a ten year effort, from conceptual design to final construction completion. This \$22 million project was primarily funded by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) State Revolving Fund loan program, which is used to fund water quality projects throughout California. The EPA has designated the Sheffield Water Quality Project the State Revolving Fund Project of the Year. The presentation of the award by an EPA representative to Mayor Blum will take place at the Council meeting scheduled for December 12, 2006. Additionally, the Sheffield Open Space is now open to the public.

Wastewater Updates. Construction commenced at the beginning of October 2006, by Instituform, the low bidder, for the 2006 Sewer Main Improvement Project. The \$1.9 MM project will rehabilitate or replace 26,000 linear feet of sewer main, approximately 2% of the total City sewer mains. The project is projected to run through the first quarter of 2007.

In addition, Whitaker Contractors has begun construction on the \$2.5 million project to alleviate sewer main overflows that have traditionally plagued the Spring Street neighborhood. The project reroutes and increases the capacity of the sewer mains that remove the waste from this neighborhood. This project is fast-tracked to be completed in January 2007.

Professional Pipe Services started work on the Closed Circuit Television Inspection Program, a \$180,000 project to inspect the City's medium diameter sewer mains (10 to 18-inch), at the end of September. Inspection work at the Airport has been completed and 19 of 31 miles of other City main have been inspected. The project is projected to continue through January, 2007.

Whitaker Contractors are currently replacing 2,600 feet of sewer main on Montecito Street, from the Laguna Street Freeway off-ramp to Quanrantina Street, and up Quanrantina Street to Cota Street. The new main pipe will be 24 inches in diameter and will help to handle the increased flows due to water infiltration during rain events. The contractor is working quickly to try to have the pipe installed before it is tested with the upcoming winter rains. Many east side residents will be able to rest easy knowing the new main will reduce the chances of sewer backups this season.

Milpas Street Beautification Project Update. The Milpas Street Beautification Project began on September 5, 2006. The project constructs lighting and amenity upgrades along North Milpas Street between Quinientos and Cannon Perdido Streets to enhance pedestrian travel and safety. Key features include new pedestrian lighting and sidewalk improvements, plus improving pedestrian safety at the Milpas/Canon Perdido intersection. After today, all work except mounting the light fixtures on the poles will be complete. Between December 2, 2006, and January 2, 2007, the project will be shut down for the City Holiday Season construction moratorium. After work resumes in January, 37 new light fixtures will be placed on existing poles, and 37 new pedestrian light fixtures will be mounted on the new poles. This will complete the project in the third week of January 2007.

Granada Garage Performance Exceeding Expectations. During the month of October the garage average 37% occupancy and is serving as many customers as the former surface lot 6. The performance of the Granada Garage is compared to two similar garages on a monthly basis, the Ortega Garage (Lot 10) and Lot 2 located on Canon Perdido across from Paseo Nuevo. The Granada Garage is performing better than those garages were at the same time after their opening. It is anticipated that the Granada Garage will exceed the number of customers served in the former surface lot and draw customers from other busy lots in the downtown during the holiday season.

Speed Awareness Program Begins. Protecting and preserving neighborhood livability is a priority for the City of Santa Barbara. The City has developed and implemented a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program to address citizen concerns with excessive vehicle speeds, cut-through traffic, collisions and pedestrian safety. One of the keys to reducing vehicle speeds is to make drivers more aware of the speed they are traveling. It is hoped that this awareness will lead to a change in driver behavior. The Public Works and Police Departments have partnered to educate the community on traffic safety basics, including speeding and pedestrian safety. The speed awareness program will utilize a radar trailer as part of the education program. This self-contained portable trailer houses a radar unit and reader board that detects and displays the speed of the vehicle on the reader board. The radar trailer will be deployed at locations throughout the City which already exhibit a speeding problem, where speeding contributes to crashes, and/or at locations requested by citizens. The trailer will be placed in a location for several days. Two weeks after the radar trailer is removed, the Police Department will conduct targeted speed enforcement. This approach will provide drivers with an opportunity to correct their driving habits and reduce their speed before enforcement begins. Each radar trailer placement will be announced publicly to increase the visibility of the program. For more information contact, Tully Clifford at (805) 564-5395 or Sgt. James Pfleging at 805 897-2300.

Santa Barbara and Ortega Streets Signal Lights. The project to place new street lights on Santa Barbara and Ortega Streets has been underway for two months. This project has replaced the access ramps and damaged sidewalk in the area, in addition to the new traffic signals and street lights. This work site has enjoyed a great deal of additional construction inspection as it lies on the well-traveled path between Public Works/Community Development Building and City Hall. This project is near completion and ready for the holiday season.

Environmental Services Gets the Word Out. Over the next several weeks, MarBorg and BFI drivers will be placing colorful new stickers on all residential recycling carts and cans. Environmental Services worked with a graphic designer to develop new stickers - with an emphasis

on graphics - that would simply and effectively communicate items that are recyclable. A larger sticker has also been produced to place on recycling dumpsters (bins).

The School District Recycling Committee continues to meet with Environmental Services staff to discuss the greening of our schools. Staff is working with the school district to ensure successful recycling at each and every school. Environmental Services continues to conduct site visits to consult with each school about an appropriate and efficient recycling infrastructure. Environmental Services staff are also going into the schools to present interactive recycling lessons with administrators, teachers, and students. The schools have shown an interest in other areas of sustainability as well. Future endeavors may include green purchasing, worm composting, and information on zero waste events at schools.

Environmental Services staff is working on a Spanish outreach plan. A series of focus groups will meet to determine needs within the Hispanic community. Outreach materials will be developed based upon discoveries by the focus groups.

Finally, keep your eyes peeled – new recycling public service announcements (PSA's) will be broadcast very soon on Cox Cable!

Public Works Department Staff Moves. Staff located at 630 Garden Street offices have completed their office moves. Involved divisions were Transportation Operations, Water Resources' Water Supply Management and Environmental Services, and Engineering.

Waterfront Department

2006 Wharf Annual Maintenance and Repair Project – Pile Driving. Bids for the 2006-07 Stearns Wharf Annual Maintenance and Repair contract will be due in Purchasing on December 7, 2006. As in the past, a portion of the work is done at night to minimize disruption to the Stearns Wharf businesses. The selected contractor will start the night work on January 3, 2007 with the replacement of 15 piles on the main roadway. The night work is estimated to be complete in the first week of February. Then, the contractor will continue with daytime work on the Shoreward Finger adjacent to the Ty Warner Sea Center replacing 17 piles, 160 linear feet of pile cap, 100 stringers and 2,720 linear feet of deck boards. All work and contractor demobilization is estimated to be completed mid March, 2007, good weather permitting. The 2006-07 Wharf Annual Maintenance and Repair Project has been designed to maintain public safety and extend the wharf's longevity.

2006 Clean Marina Program Report. In November 2006, staff reported to the Harbor Commission a favorable annual report on the Clean Marina Program. Four years ago City Council adopted a Clean Marina Program, the goal of which is to achieve and maintain, via feasible means and alternatives, best management practices, clean harbor environment for people, aquatic life and seabirds. It includes six elements:

1. Facilities for Boaters
2. Water Quality Monitoring
3. Best Management Practices
4. Pollution Prevention and Abatement Projects
5. Education
6. Compliance and Enforcement

Staff reported a significant milestone in July 2006. The City of Santa Barbara received its "California Clean Marina" certification by demonstrating 96% compliance with Clean Marina standards. It was the 42nd such certification statewide and one of only a few for comparably sized, publicly operated harbors, along with Oceanside and Long Beach.

The Clean Marina Program continues to be an important and efficient contribution to the Department's overall mission and supports the ongoing efforts of the City's Sustainable Santa Barbara Program. Excluding one-time costs and reimbursable costs associated with new programs, facilities and equipment, staff anticipates an ongoing program cost of \$25,000-\$35,000 per year.

